



TIGTA Presents:
Corruption In The
Federal Tax System;
Don't Let It Happen
To You!

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**TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL
FOR TAX ADMINISTRATION**

Working Together in Protecting Federal Tax Administration

- Discuss TIGTA and our Role in Protecting Tax Administration
- Discuss Practitioner's Role in Reporting IRS Employee and Practitioner Misconduct
- Successes of our Partnership to date

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Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

- TIGTA – 815 employees
- Office of Investigations (OI) – 415 employees
 - Focused on protecting the integrity of Tax Administration
- Office of Audit (OA) – 292 employees
 - Provides recommendations to improve IRS systems and operations

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Office of Investigations Structure

- Headquarters element and seven field divisions
 - » Atlanta
 - » Chicago
 - » Dallas
 - » Denver
 - » New York
 - » San Francisco
 - » Washington
- Strategic Enforcement Division

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Practitioner Role in Protecting Federal Tax Administration

- Report misconduct by IRS employees
- Report misconduct by unscrupulous tax practitioners
- Report other crimes impacting tax administration (threats and assaults, bribery, impersonation, theft of tax refunds or remittances, and overstating qualifications)

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Corruption Occurs, Are You Prepared to React??

The Employee Extortion Threat

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The Office of
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Tax Preparer

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The Corrupt Practitioner Threat

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The Office of

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Results of Awareness Focus; Reporting of Misconduct Impacting Practitioners

- Referrals from the tax practitioner community increased 49% from FY 2004 to FY 2006
- Investigations resulting from these referrals increased 67% from FY 2004 to FY 2006
- Top three allegations reported by practitioners: Impersonation, False Statements, and Misuse of Treasury/IRS Seals

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OI Referrals to OPR

- FY 2004, 44 referrals from OI to OPR
- FY 2005, 92 referrals from OI to OPR
- FY 2006, 157 referrals from OI to OPR

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OI Practitioner Case Referrals for Criminal Prosecution

- FY 2004 to FY 2006, Prosecutions Increased from 5 to 18
 - Thefts of Refunds and Remittances
 - False Statements
(Overstating Qualifications)

Tax Practitioner Investigations

Agency	TIGTA	IRS CI	IRS OPR
Responsible for Investigating:	Practitioner and IRS employee misconduct	Tax Fraud Violations	Circular 230 Violations – Attorneys, CPAs, Enrolled Agents
Types of Cases Investigated:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impersonation ▪ Refund Theft ▪ Theft of Remittance ▪ Overstatement of Qualifications ▪ Misconduct by IRS employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refund Schemes ▪ Bogus Tax Returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promoter (ATAT) Referrals for ODs ▪ Abusive Conduct ▪ Criminal Conviction ▪ Non-compliance
Contact Information	www.tigta.gov 1-800-366-4484	www.irs.gov IRS Key Word: Fraud 1-800-829- 0433	opr@irs.gov http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/agents/

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- You may request confidentiality
- Call our Hotline at 1-800-366-4484
- Write to: TIGTA, P.O. Box 589,
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20044-0589
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